Westminster Social Policy Forum keynote seminar
The future for housing design and delivery in the UK - the new design code, planning, modernisation, and priorities for the Office for Place
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 3rd November 2021
***Taking Place Online***

Draft Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 **Chair’s opening remarks**
Lord Best, Member, House of Lords Built Environment Committee; and Chair, Oxford University Commission on Creating Healthy Cities

9.05 **Taking forward the National Model Design Code and delivering better quality and better designed homes**
Paul Monaghan, Director, Allford Hall Monaghan Morris; and Special Adviser, Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission

9.20 ‘Planning regulations, design codes, and improving housing quality’
Dr Ben Clifford, Associate Professor In Spatial Planning and Government, Bartlett School of Planning, UCL

9.30 Questions and comments from the floor

9.50 **Restructuring the planning process, supporting local decision making, and ensuring sustainable design and delivery**
Victoria Hills, Chief Executive, Royal Town Planning Institute

10.00 **Stakeholder perspectives on priorities for housing design and delivery - using land effectively, speeding development, engaging with local communities, and ensuring quality and safety in design**
Sarah Sutherland, Senior Associate, Planning and Compulsory Purchase, Burges Salmon
Professor Flora Samuel, Professor of Architecture in the Built Environment, University of Reading
Councillor Helen Hayden, Executive Member for Infrastructure and Climate, Leeds City Council
Nigel Ostime, Partner, Project Delivery, Hawkins/Brown
Nick Watson, Strategic Business Development Director, Sovereign
Questions and comments from the floor

10.50 **Chair’s closing remarks**
Lord Best, Member, House of Lords Built Environment Committee; and Chair, Oxford University Commission on Creating Healthy Cities

10.55 Break

11.05 **Chair’s opening remarks**
Baroness Thornhill, Member, House of Lords Built Environment Committee

11.10 **Priorities for the new Office for Place and taking forward the Building Beautiful Places plan**
Sir John Hayes MP, Member, Office for Place Advisory Board
Questions and comments from the floor

11.35 **The potential of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) in house building and priorities for innovation in the sector**
Jeff Endean, Director, Cast Consultancy

11.45 Modernising housing delivery and preparing for the future - building design and construction capacity and capability, innovating in off-site construction, and improving the energy efficiency of housing stock
Ben Derbyshire, Chair, HTA Design
Shula Rich, Founder and Author, leaseadvice.org; Vice Chair, Federation of Private Residents’ Associations; and Chair, Brighton Hove & District Leaseholders Association

12.05 Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 **Policy priorities for housing, taking forward the National Model Design Code, and delivering more housing across England**
Professor Sadie Morgan, Director, dRMM; Founder, Quality of Life Foundation; Board Member, Homes England; and Commissioner, National Infrastructure Commission
Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 **Chair’s and Social Policy Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Thornhill, Member, House of Lords Built Environment Committee
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Social Policy Forum